

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 23.

Mr. Drummond states some of the reasons he originally undertook to maintain, but not all of them. In his first communication which appeared in the Advertiser, and which was in the nature of a reply to the assertion of the Press that Judge Whitehouse's ruling was tantamount to a declaration that the *prima facie* law operated against the defendant, he stated that there was no doubt as to the interpretation that should be put upon that law, that the practical construction of it given by Judge Whitehouse "to wit that such evidence (*prima facie* evidence) is sufficient to authorize the jury to construe the law in the correct construction. The Press, in reply, stated that this construction was not the construction intended by the legislature, but that

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